



## NEWSLETTER 4

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Dear Parents,



### ATTENDANCE

Last week (week 3) the whole school's attendance was still 98% which is above our target of 97.5%. Well done everyone.

### PARENTS' EVENING

Unfortunately with COVID restrictions we are unable to hold our usual Parents' Evenings on the school site. Later today, we will be e-mailing letters to each class offering 10 minute telephone consultations to those of you who need to speak to your child's teacher. We are aware that some parents have already met with their child's teacher after school in the last four weeks so please do not feel obliged to have another appointment unless you really need one. The appointments are selected through an online booking service using Google Forms. Please be aware that appointments are restricted to 10 minutes per child.

### EARRINGS AND PE

May we remind you all that our School Uniform and Appearance Policy states '*For safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school. If ears have been pierced, stud earrings may be worn, but should be removed for P.E.*'

If your child is unable to remove their ear-rings independently, then please send your child to school with plasters so that their ear-rings can be safely covered.

<https://www.west-hill-primary.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/School-Uniform-and-Appearance-Policy-July-2019.pdf>

### SCHOOL PICK UP MESSAGES AT THE END OF THE DAY

Please can you advise school as early as possible in the day of any alternative arrangements for collecting your child at the end of the day. Phone calls to the office after 3pm reach us at a very busy time in the day and run the risk of the message not making it to the class teacher in time. We do appreciate there will be times when an emergency occurs and late notification cannot be avoided

### VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

Since Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September, we are asking all visitors and volunteers to wear a face covering (a mask or visor) if they have to come into the school building. We hope that you will support us with this in order to keep everyone safe.

## **PARKING IN BEECH PARK**

Yesterday (Thursday) many parents explained how difficult it was approaching the school as cars were parked all along Beech Park. When this happens it reduces the road to the width of one car only so causes congestion for cars arriving and other cars departing from school as well as reducing visibility for pedestrians who are trying to cross the road. Please can we ask you to use the Village Hall car park, McColls car park or park in local streets in order to keep Beech Park free of parked cars. Thank you for your support with this.

## **REMOTE LEARNING**

The DFE Guidance for full opening of schools states:

*'Where a class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or there is a local lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home, we expect schools to have the capacity to offer immediate remote education. Schools are expected to consider how to continue to improve the quality of their existing offer and have a strong contingency plan in place for remote education provision **by the end of September**. This planning will be particularly important to support a scenario in which the logistical challenges of remote provision are greatest, for example where large numbers of pupils are required to remain at home.'*

A pupil may need remote learning for the following reasons:

1. they are waiting to book a COVID test for themselves or a family member
2. they are waiting for the results of a COVID test
3. they are self-isolating for 10 days (if they were unable to get a COVID test after a 5-day period)

In any of the above cases, please ensure your child continues with their education by accessing the daily lessons on **Oak Academy**: <https://classroom.thenationalacademy/schedule-by-year>

There are three daily lessons for each year group which are an hour-long. They are delivered by a teacher, with a pre-recorded video as well as quizzes, worksheets and creative activities. Lessons related to other topics are easy to find if your child wishes to do more than the allocated three lessons. It's all easy to use, there's no login or password, you can access the lessons on any device, and pupils only need materials they can find at home.

We are obviously able to provide printed resources, such as textbooks and workbooks, for any pupils who do not have suitable online access- just let us know.

We are currently in the process of setting up new classes on Google Classroom and will update you in due course.

## **TRANSFER TO SECONDARY EDUCATION 2020 - ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS**

The application system for Secondary places in September 2020 is now open and will close at midnight on 31st October 2019. Please apply on-line at:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>

## **DATA COLLECTION SHEETS, ANNUAL CONSENT FORMS AND HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENTS**

These are being sent home in a sealed envelope today. The data will need to be checked and amended as necessary to ensure that we have accurate and up to date information for your child. Please return these forms by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October** by posting them in the letter box of the front door. PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THESE IN BOOK BAGS as they may not be checked daily and could

go astray. We have also enclosed a letter about term time holidays, this is a new procedure which has been recommended by our Educational Welfare Officer, and has been sent to all families.



### HELP REQUIRED

Are there any parents who would be able to help build a replacement mud kitchen for our Forest School area. I can source some pallets for a simple structure which the children can use imaginatively.

Many thanks,  
Sue Broad (Forest School Lead)

### PTFA NEWS

The PTFA are currently planning a couple of exciting fundraisers. We understand that this is currently a very difficult time for everyone and everything we do is on a voluntary basis.

We are hoping to raise funds to spend on increasing the options for an additional outdoor covered area within the school grounds and a gravel pathway on the field to allow access to the outdoor classroom in all weathers. Please see attached two posters that provide details of two PTFA events that shall be occurring this month.

The PTFA AGM will be held on Thursday 8th October at 7pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom, please email [joannambromley@hotmail.com](mailto:joannambromley@hotmail.com) for the access details.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS

Children will be producing a Christmas card in school over the next few weeks so please look out for further information. Cards are all ordered online with your individual password.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH WEST HILL

St Michael's church are having a **Cafe Church Celebration of Harvest on Zoom**, on Sunday October 4th at the usual time of 9.30am.

Attached is an outline of the idea behind the celebration and some ideas for a couple of things they would love every household to bring with them. Hence the heads up - to give you time to get them together.

There will be the usual format with craft for the children to do on the day and small discussion groups for the grown-ups. The All-Age activity will be the bringing of these items, and thanking God for his provision for us, in good times and bad.

We will briefly share the perspective of this festival in the Old Testament, the New Testament, today and in the future, and hopefully give you food for thought! We look forward to seeing you.

Have a lovely weekend.

With my best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Boulton".

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton  
Headteacher